

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-14 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Slotznick. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention is directed to a system and method of displaying information on a screen, where information is initially configured as a first and second element to be displayed simultaneously. The first and second elements are separated from one another, and then displayed on a screen at separate times.

Slotznick discloses a system to display information at a display of a local user computer. The information includes primary information representing information requested by a user and secondary information representing additional information. However, Slotznick fails to disclose separating first and second elements of information by a control unit, as required by the claimed invention. Specifically, Slotznick, at col. 9, lns. 24-30, discloses that during the display of primary data as a virtual page, the secondary data (or much of it) is held in memory without being displayed. In this regard, the secondary data virtual page is accessed in a similar manner as a page is accessed. However, there is no teaching or disclosure of first and second elements for simultaneous display on the same screen that are subsequently separated by a control unit. This fact is supported at col. 8, lns. 50-52, that states a page may contain a number of separate and/or linked files, and may contain both primary and secondary data. This is further supported at col. 6, lns. 32-41, which state that at times the embodiments access, download and process secondary information in the background while the device displays and monitors primary information in the foreground, and visa versa. Some embodiments of Slotznick also filter secondary information, in some instances replacing one piece of secondary information with another.

Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Slotznick in view of Barkan. The rejection is respectfully traversed for the same reasons presented in the arguments above, and since Barkan fails to disclose first and second elements for simultaneous display on the same screen that are subsequently separated by a control unit.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.449122019400.

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